THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In Re the Application of: Group Art Unit: **OGUSHI** Examiner: Serial No.: 10/683,570 FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Filed: October 9, 2003 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING Atty. File No.: 2933SEC-1 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES For: "METHOD AND PROGRAM FOR POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR ASSISTING A WORKER IN PATENTS, P.O., BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 CHARGE OF OPERATIONS" SHERIDAN ROSS P.C. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. Although Applicants do not believe that any fees are due based upon the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge any such fees to Deposit Account 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: